

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended): A method, in a server computer, for chaining applications, comprising:

receiving, at a chaining module, a request from a client computer for a service associated with a chaining module and an option associated with the chaining module, wherein the option identifies the service as a series of applications;

~~receiving a series of applications from an option corresponding to the chaining module; and~~

executing the series of applications in order and passing the output of each application to the input of the next application in the series; and

returning a result of the service to the client computer.

2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the service is registered and associated with a name in a properties file ~~as a name associated with the chaining module.~~

3. (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein the option is specified in the properties file.

4. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the series of applications comprises a first application and a second application and the step of executing the series of applications comprises:

executing the first application;

passing the output of the first application to the input of the second application;

and

executing the second application.

5. (Original): The method of claim 4, wherein the step of executing the series of applications further comprises:

returning the output of the second application.

6. (Original): The method of claim 4, wherein the first application is a customer verification application.
7. (Original): The method of claim 6, wherein the second application is a language translation engine.
8. (Original): The method of claim 4, wherein the first application and the second application are language translation engines.
9. (Currently Amended): An apparatus, in a server computer, for chaining applications, comprising:
- first receipt means for receiving, at a chaining module, a request from a client computer for a service associated with a chaining module and an option associated with the chaining module, wherein the option identifies the service as a series of applications;
  - second receipt means for receiving a series of applications from an option corresponding to the chaining module; and
  - execution means for executing the series of applications in order and passing the output of each application to the input of the next application in the series; and
  - means for returning a result of the service to the client computer.
10. (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the service is registered and associated with a name in a properties file as a name associated with the chaining module.
11. (Original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the option is specified in the properties file.
12. (Original): An apparatus for chaining applications, comprising:
- a first application;
  - a second application;
  - a chaining module, wherein the chaining module receives an option that identifies a series of applications comprising the first application and the second

application, executes the first application, passes the output of the first application to the input of the second application, and executes the second application.

13. (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the option is specified in a properties file.

14. (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the chaining module returns the output of the second application.

15. (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first application is a customer verification application.

16. (Original): The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the second application is a language translation engine.

17. (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first application and the second application are language translation engines.

18. (Original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first application and the second application implement an interface.

19. (Original): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the chaining module implements the interface.

20. (Currently Amended): A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for chaining applications in a server computer, comprising:

instructions for receiving, at a chaining module, a request from a client computer for a service ~~associated with a chaining module~~ and an option associated with the chaining module, wherein the option identifies the service as a series of applications;

~~instructions for receiving a series of applications from an option corresponding to the chaining module; and~~

instructions for executing the series of applications in order and passing the output of each application to the input of the next application in the series; and returning a result of the service to the client computer.